(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Import of Oil and Petroleum Products

4720. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved five major projects of the ONGC for development of oil fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total cost involved;

(c) the time by which they are likely to be completed;

(d) the total amount of oil and petroleum products imported during the first six months of 1990-91 and 1991-92 separately;

(e) whether the Government have issued any directive for reducing the import of oil during 1991-92; and

(f) if so, the out come thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRTY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Government have sanctioned five oil field development projects since October, 1990. These are projects for the development of the Neelam, Mukta and Panna oil fields in the Western offshore and the additional development of the L-II and L-III reservoirs of Bombay High field. The projects are estimated to cost about Rupees Eight Thousand crores. Subjects are estimated to cost about Rupees Eight Thousand crores. Subject to timely release of foreign exchange and award of work, the projects are slated for commissioning in the first half of 1994.

(d) During April-Sept., 1991 a total of 14.02 MMT crude oil and petroleum products have been imported as compared to 13.22 MMT during April-Sept., 1990.

(e) and (f). Import of oil is done in accordance with Oil Economy Budget which is made after taking into account the relevant factors.

Supply of Safetarboots to Workers of Steel Plants

4721. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers in the steel plants have been demanding proper safety boots/shoes to avoid accidents etc.;

(b) whether the steel plants have such boots/shoes from private sector industries alone and which are not upto the standard;

(c) whether the steel plants have approached any public sector manufacturing units of boots/shoes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) to (d). Safety boots of required quality/standards are issued, as a matter of policy to the workers in steel plants as a measure of safety. Steel Plants in the Public Sector have been procuring safety shoes after issuing enquiries to industries under public sector as well as private sector. However, orders for procurement are finalised after taking into account factors like, quality, specifications of the product, price quoted, performance of the parties, etc.

[*Translation*]

Fake Gas Regulator Manufacturing Gang in Delhi

4722. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fake gas regulator manufacturing gang has been unearthed in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of fake gas regulators seized from their possession;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action against them so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (d). No such instance has come to the notice recently.

[*English*]

Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies in Villages

4723. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate or trifurcate the existing pump and gas agencies and instal more in the semi-urban and urban places in the villages to provide employment/jobs to more number of youths particularly unemployed graduates and also to provide LPG gas connections to the people living in villages and hill areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHANKUMAR): (a) to (b). There is no proposal to bifurcate or trifurcate retail outlets and agencies. New retail outlets/LPG agencies are opened in different places as per the Marketing Plans, product availability, etc. Efforts are constantly made to provide as many LPG connections as early as possible. There is no separate reservation for educated unemployed youths.

Supply of Coal for domestic use to Andhra Pradesh

4724. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Singareni Collieries Company in Andhra Pradesh has stopped the supply of coal for domestic use;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to allot certain portion of coal for domestic use at subsidised rates under Public Distribution System in Andhra Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). According to information furnished by Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. they manufacture a domestic smokeless fuel known as SICCO COKE, which they supply to the consumers through distributors in all districts of Andhra Pradesh, and in some aeas of Karnataka and Maharasntra. There is no proposal to stop this supply.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of Ministry of Coal for allotting coal at subsidised rates to domestic consumers